

**Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of CAMWS
at the 110th Annual Meeting
Waco Hilton, Waco, Texas
Saturday, April 5, 2014, 8:15-9:25 a.m., Texas Room North 113**

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 by President Monica Cyrino, who thanked people for coming to the previous night's banquet.

Ruth Scodel moved Keely Lake seconded approval of the minutes of the 109th Business Meeting on April 20, 2013 in Iowa City, as posted on-line at <http://www.camws.org/meeting/2013/files/2013BusmtgMinutes.pdf>. There were no questions and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Secretary-Treasurer Tom Sienkewicz reviewed the financial and membership data and reported that the organization is doing well financially. Niall Slater moved and Scodel seconded a motion to approve the Secretary-Treasurer's report. This motion was approved by voice vote.

On behalf of *CJ* Editor Laurel Fulkerson, Sienkewicz reported that all four issues of Vol. 109 have been published and that a special issue on Cicero was planned for Vol. 110 (2014-15).

Newsletter Editor Stephanie A. McCarter reported that only paid members of CAMWS have access to the current issue of the newsletter electronically via Constant Contact or in print by groundmail. She said that the fall 2013 issue of the newsletter was opened by 429 out of the 1337 members who received it via Constant Contact. She noted that recent issues have included prominent features of award recipients, especially those for travel and undergraduates. She also requested newsworthy information about individual CAMWS members for inclusion in future issues.

Teaching Classical Languages Editor John C. Gruber-Miller reported that *TCL* is in its fifth year and that proofs for the next issue, which would appear in next few weeks, were on display at meeting. He said that the journal was working to reach out to teachers of Latin and Greek at all levels. He requested members to submit pedagogy articles for publication. He also said he and his editorial board were planning a readers survey to learn more about online reading habits with plans to redesign the journal so it would be more accessible to users.

Georgia Irby then moved and Peter Knox seconded a motion to accept these publication reports. This motion was approved by voice vote.

The first committee report was presented by CPL Chair Barbara Weinlich. She said that, overall, the state of Latin in CAMWS territory was positive and that good things were happening in CAMWS regions. She noted the newly-designed CAMWS website and changes in funding procedures. Bridge Initiative Grants (BIG) were renewed for three years and 13 funding requests were approved for this fiscal year. CPL has started awarding certificates to BIG recipients and has reestablished awards for outstanding VPs.

Cyrino thanked Weinlich for stepping in as chair mid-year and for her dynamic work for CPL and for CAMWS.

Development Chair Knox reported that fund raising efforts this year were focused on the annual appeal from the CAMWS president. He encouraged membership to make even modest gifts. He said that the committee had been discussing useful ways to raise money for supporting students and teachers, especially funds for teachers taking students on fieldtrips.

On behalf of Finance Committee chair Andromache Karankia, Angeliki Tzanetou reported that in September-October of 2013 the committee deliberated whether to follow the specific recommendations of CAMWS's financial advisor R. J. Chester of Raymond James. These recommendations included the selling of some underperforming funds and investment of the proceeds into others. The committee's concern is to maximize profit while also minimizing volatility, but also to better position the portfolio. The committee decided unanimously to proceed with those recommendations which were then put into place in November 2013. The CAMWS endowment has not only fully recovered from the 2008-2010 Recession period, but has gone back to substantial growth. From a beginning balance of \$779,343 on August 30, 2013, the endowment crossed the \$850,000 threshold per the statement of February 28, 2014 (ending balance of \$858,782). The overall portfolio remains on what one would categorize as a "conservative" portfolio in order to absorb possible market decline in the near future, but has frown at an impressive 18.25% during the year 2013 (compared to 14.62% in 2012). The committee has been conducting a systematic review of all CAMWS' investments. As suggested last year at CAMWS in Iowa City, the committee still needs to work more closely with the Membership and Development Committees.

Danielle Washington reported for GSIC chair Jennifer LaFleur that this year's GSIC panel and workshop were successful and that the theme for next year would be "making the most of graduate school." She announced the appointment of CAMWS' first liaison to GSIC, Robert H. Simmons of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Cyrino noted that Simmons was a good choice for liaison since he had served as the very first chair of GSIC while he was a graduate student at the University of Iowa.

Membership Chair Alden Smith reported that the committee had had a particularly active year. Though the economy was not strong and CAMWS had raised its dues platform last year, the committee strove to sustain overall membership numbers, both for individuals and institutions. While the committee did not quite meet these goals, they made strong efforts and came close. The precise numbers were provided in Secretary-Treasurer's report.

Smith also said that at the request of the Secretary-Treasurer the committee had put a good deal of time into revising the Vice President CAMWS Handbook and that master editor Anne Groton was currently making final revisions and hoped to submit the finished work later this spring.

Smith added that the committee had a solid planning meeting at the conference and hoped to put in place a cogent plan for reaching out to many more secondary school teachers in the CAMWS region next year.

Nominating Committee Chair Knox announced the following slate of nominations: Antonios Augoustakis of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign as President Elect and James O'Hara of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for a three-year term as Member-at-Large. He also reported that the committee had written a charter which was approved by the Executive Committee and that the committee aimed, in the future, to increase the participation of the membership in the nominating process.

As chair of the Program Committee, Cyrino began by thanking the members of her committee for successful completion of their arduous yet rewarding work. 15 panels were submitted and 14 accepted. In a new format for CAMWS, four workshops were submitted and

all were accepted. 22 undergraduate abstracts were submitted and 15 accepted. 311 individual abstracts were submitted and 298 accepted.

She noted that the 2014 program was a rich composite of 11 separate sessions, 8 with 7 sections and 3 with 8 sections, most with four or five papers each. The GSIC panel and workshop were set off in their own time slots for better attendance. Roman topics slightly outnumbered Greek ones. There were more Art/Archaeology submissions than usual. Papers on reception topics were holding steady. Pedagogy topics were now also represented in the workshop format.

In regard to the Presidential Award for the Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, Cyrino reported that there were 16 nominations with 5 in final round. There were two recipients this year: Scott A. Barnard (Rutgers University) for a paper entitled “On the Authorship of the Strasbourg Epodes: Archilochus, Hipponax, or Both?” and Reina E. Callier (University of Colorado Boulder) for “Carmentis and the Carpenta: Testing Poetic and Political Boundaries in *Fasti* 1.617-636.” Both were recognized at the Friday banquet but were invited to stand and be recognized again at the Business Meeting.

Reports from the chairs of the various sub-committees on awards and scholarships followed.

For the First Book Award Subcommittee, chair Christina Clark reported that the committee received sixteen nominations for the award; the number of nominations was much higher than in the previous two years (ten nominations in 2013, eleven in 2012). She announced that the winner was Ian Moyer of the University of Michigan for his book *Egypt and the Limits of Hellenism* (Cambridge, 2011). Moyer was present to be recognized for his achievement and to receive his award.

Reporting for Helena Dettmer, chair of the Bolchazy Pedagogy Book Award Subcommittee, Mark Haynes informed the membership that this award, established in summer 2013 to honor the memory of Ladislaus J. Bolchazy, a pioneer in promoting classical pedagogy, would be made for the first time in March 2015. Criteria for the award include appropriateness for the target student audience, clarity of presentation, excellent quality, effective pedagogical practice and design, and potential for broad impact. The committee has already received several inquiries about nominations, which are due by September 1, 2014.

As chair of the School Awards Subcommittee, Robert T. White reported that for the 2013-2014 CAMWS Latin Examination there were a record number of participants but a lower number of states participating. 51 schools from 19 states requested examinations for 595 students; 567 examinations were submitted for grading. He asked any participating teachers present to stand and be recognized and thanked the Secretary-Treasurer for his efforts to increase participation. He also appealed to regional and state vice presidents to encourage participation among their constituencies.

John L. Friend, chair of the Stewart Scholarship Subcommittee, began his report by listing the members of his committee and thanking them for their good work. He said that there were thirteen applications (a decline of ten over last year), which were ranked on a score of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest. The subcommittee awarded six scholarships to the following applicants: Taylor Barinka (University of Michigan), Chance Bonar (St. Olaf College), Nicole Curtis (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Grace Koch (St. Olaf College), Katherine Needham (Washington University in St. Louis), and Kayla Pio (University of Michigan). He

distributed certificates of recognition for these students to any representatives of their schools present at the meeting and concluded by encouraging members to nominate students for this scholarship.

Reporting for Heather Vincent, chair of the Stewart Teacher Training and Travel Awards Subcommittee, Lorenzo Garcia noted that this year there were three applications for Teacher Training and sixteen for Travel Awards. The subcommittee made two Teacher Training Awards and eight Travel Awards, in the combined total amount of \$5,000.00. He announced the names of award recipients and presented certificates of recognition to those present. The Teacher Training Award recipients were Philip Cortese of St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Jackson, Mississippi, and David Blosser of The James Monroe High School in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Recipients of Travel Awards to attend the 110th CAMWS meeting in Waco were: Gena Goodman of University of Colorado-Boulder; Dannu Hutwohl of the University of New Mexico; Clinton Kinkade of Estancia Valley Classical Academy in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Amy Leonard of Dacula High School in Avondale Estates, Georgia; Giustina Monti of Florida State University; Cathleen M. O'Shea of Hendrickson High School in Austin, Texas; Patrick Owens of Wyoming Catholic College; and Susan Thornton Rasmussen of Paideia High School in Valley, Washington.

Reporting for the Semple, Grant, and Benario Awards Subcommittee, chair Osman S. Umurhan began by mentioning that the amounts of all three awards have been permanently increased by \$500 each. He said that there was a strong application pool but encouraged more people to apply. He listed the members of the subcommittee and thanked them for their work and then announced the recipients of the three travel scholarships: Lauren S. Rogers (Salem Academy, North Carolina), Semple Award to attend the Summer School at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens; Rachael Cullick (University of Minnesota), Mary A. Grant Award to attend the Summer School at the American Academy in Rome; and Zachary Woolfolk (Indiana University), Janice and Herbert Benario Award to participate in the Vergilian Society's "Greeks and Romans in Town and Country" in Campania, Italy. Umurhan then awarded certifications of recognition to those recipients present at the meeting.

For the Excavation and Fieldschool Award Subcommittee, chair Sandra Blakely began her report by thanking the members of her committee by name. Because there was a large number of applications for this new award and because both undergraduate and graduate students of differing experience and maturity were eligible, she reported that the Executive Committee had authorized the granting of two awards this year (instead of one). The two award recipients were undergraduate Megan Esparsa of Grand Valley State University and graduate student Becca McGinn of Florida State University. Certificates of recognition were awarded to recipients or their representatives who were present at the meeting.

Blakely added that the subcommittee hoped, in future, to be able to support financially teachers who want to take students trips. She said that the financial need of the recipients was clear and emphasized the importance of mentoring and good letters of recommendation in successful awards. She said that recipients have been asked to report about their experiences in the CAMWS Newsletter and concluded by observing that the range of field projects and of backgrounds—including anthropology and engineering as well as Classics—indicated how much this award served CAMWS's mission for outreach and building of the field.

Cyrino concurred that his award would draw more material culture students to CAMWS.

On behalf of Peter J. Anderson, chair of the Kraft and CAMWS Teaching Awards Subcommittee, Nicoletta Villa-Sella announced that the subcommittee has chosen Anne Steel of the Oxford Middle School in Oxford, Mississippi, as the winner of the Kraft Teaching Award and Debbie Felton of the University of Massachusetts Amherst as the winner of the College Teaching Award this year. Villa-Sella read citations for each honoree. Both Steel and Felton were present at the meeting to receive their awards and the recognition of their colleagues.

Noting that the two recipients of the CAMWS Special Service Award recipients, author Steven Saylor and Thelma Mathews of Baylor University, had already been recognized at the Friday banquet at the Business Meeting Committee Chair Nicoletta Villa-Sella thanked everyone on the various awards subcommittees for their service and noted that they all had lots of work but joyful work. She also emphasized the need for more nominations for awards and scholarships across the board.

As chair of the ad-hoc CAMWSCorps Committee Anne Groton explained that last year Secretary-Treasurer Tom Sienkewicz took the initiative to start a CAMWSCorps oral history project, modeled on National Public Radio's StoryCorps. He arranged to have 15 long-time members of CAMWS interviewed by graduate students during the CAMWS meetings in Tallahassee and Iowa City, and to make audio recordings of the interviews.

This year President Cyrino appointed an *ad hoc* committee to consider whether the project was worth continuing and, if so, what needed to be done to make it sustainable. The four members of the committee, Ippokratis Kantzios, Justin Schwamm, Groton and Sienkewicz (*ex officio*), listened to all of the interviews from last year and decided that the world was now ready for them, and that the project should go forward.

The committee then consulted Jeff Corrigan, the oral historian at the State Historical Society of Missouri, where the CAMWS archives are located. (The original idea for CAMWS came from the University of Missouri, and CAMWS is incorporated in that state.) With his help the committee revised the list of questions and designed waivers for the interviewees and interviewers to sign. At this year's meeting in Waco, a dozen more interviews were recorded.

Groton then thanked everyone who has participated so willingly and so graciously in this project, both as interviewers and interviewees.

She then explained that in February the committee proposed to the CAMWS Executive Committee that a standing History Committee be established to replace the *ad hoc* committee. This required amending the CAMWS Constitution. She encouraged everyone present to vote in favor of the amendment. The mission of the new committee would be "to coordinate all activities related to preserving the memory of CAMWS and to making the history of the Association known and its records accessible to scholars as well as the general public."

Resolutions Committee Chair Geoffrey W. Bakewell then read the resolutions thanking everyone involved in making the 110th meeting of CAMWS a great success.

A motion to approve all the committee reports was made by Scodel and seconded by Knox. The motion was approved by voice vote.

On behalf of CAMWS Historian Ward Briggs, Sienkewicz read the names of the following CAMWS members whose deaths were reported during the last year: David L Sigsbee of the University of Memphis on January 27, 2014; John Donohue of the National Latin Exam on January 27, 2014; Lewis William Leadbeater of the College of William and Mary on January 24, 2014; Thelma E. Slater of the Canton City Schools on November 24, 2013; Henry

Immerwahr of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on September 13, 2013; Alexander MacGregor of the University of Illinois Chicago on August 8, 2013; Dr. Elizabeth (“Liz”) Jones of Christopher Newport University on October 22, 2012; and Barbara Flaschenriem of Grand Valley State University on August 15, 2012. (These names were also listed in the meeting program.) A moment of silence in their memory followed the reading of the names.

Under Old Business Sienkewicz reported that plans for future CAMWS Meetings included the 111th meeting in Boulder, Colorado in 2015 at the invitation of the University of Colorado; the 112th meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia in 2016 at the invitation of the College of William and Mary; and the 113th meeting in Kitchener, Ontario in 2017 at the invitation of the University of Waterloo.

On behalf of CAMWS-SS Secretary-Treasurer Davina McClain, Liane Houghtalin invited everyone to attend the 100th meeting of CAMWS-SS in Fredericksburg, Virginia, in November 2014 at the invitation of Mary Washington University and the National Latin Exam.

Under New Business Kristin Lord moved a motion to amend Section I of Article III of the CAMWS By-Laws to add the History Committee as a standing committee of the association. The current wording was:

The standing committees of the Association include the Executive Committee, the Development Committee, the Finance Committee, the Membership Committee, the Merit Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Program Committee, the Committee for the Promotion of Latin, the Resolutions Committee, and the Steering Committee on Awards and Scholarships.

The proposed wording (with addition marked in bold) was:

The standing committees of the Association include the Executive Committee, the Development Committee, the Finance Committee, **the History Committee**, the Membership Committee, the Merit Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Program Committee, the Committee for the Promotion of Latin, the Resolutions Committee, and the Steering Committee on Awards and Scholarships.

Lord’s motion was seconded by Augoustakis. The motion was approved by hand vote.

Under Announcements, Weinlich encouraged everyone present to take some of the new CPL bookmarks back home with her and said that there would soon be a call for CPL panel for CAMWS 2015.

Finally, President Cyrino passed the gavel to Scodel and the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Sienkewicz
Secretary-Treasurer